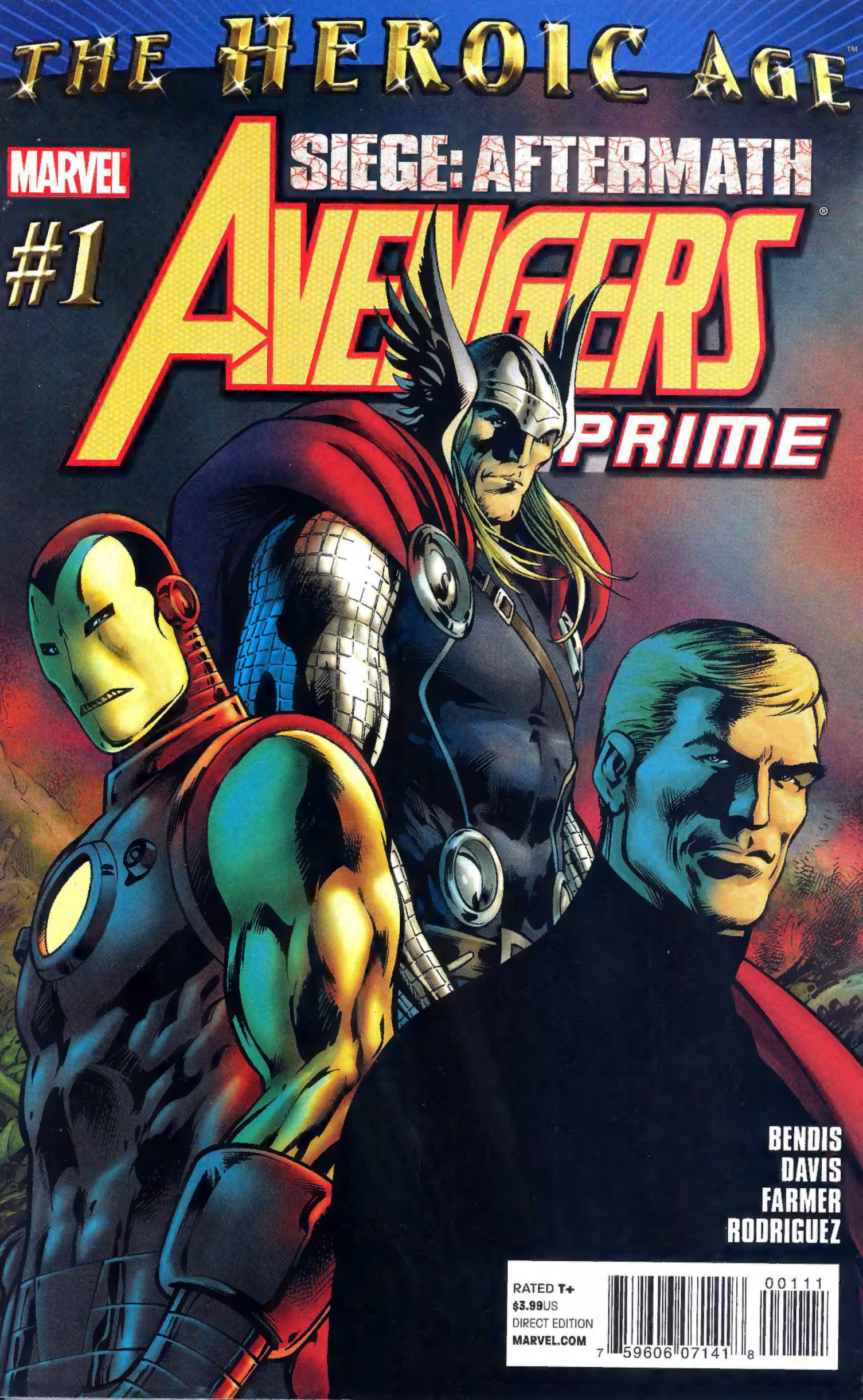
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EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES, UNITED AGAINST A COMMON THREAT! ON THAT DAY THE AVENGERS WERE BORN, TO FIGHT FOES THAT NO SINGLE HERO COULD WITHSTAND!

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NORMAN OSBORN'S SIEGE IS OVER AND THE REUNITED AVENGERS WERE TRIUMPHANT. STEVE ROGERS, THE MAN WHO WAS CAPTAIN AMERICA, IS NOW IN CHARGE OF THE UNITED STATES' SECURITY.

BUT ALL THIS WAS NOT WITHOUT COST. THE GREAT CITY OF ASGARD HAS FALLEN.

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ASGARD HAS FALLEN.

THOR, TELL US WHAT YOU NEED AND YOU WILL HAVE IT.
JUST SEEING IT LIKE THIS...
...MY FATHER'S KINGDOM IN COMPLETE RUIN.
HEY, ANYTHING CAN BE REBUILT.
ANYTHING.
EVERY TIME I'VE HAD TO REBUILD THIS ARMOR, I'VE ALWAYS MADE IT BETTER. EVERY TIME.
WAIT TILL YOU SEE MY NEW STUFF.
I'M NOT CONVINCED LETTING YOU KEEP THAT ARMOR IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY, IRON MAN.
I HAVEN'T MADE UP MY MIND.
WE'LL SEE.
WE'LL SEE WHAT?
OH REALLY?

YOU KNEW THIS CONVERSATION WAS COMING.
DID I?
WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.
WELL, CAPTAIN ROGERS, OR WHATEVER THE HELL WE'RE SUPPOSED TO CALL YOU NOW THAT YOU'RE THE NEW NICK FURY...
DON'T GET ON YOUR HIGH--
I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING I PROMISE IS TRUE.
I KNEW YOU'D BE LIKE THIS--
THERE WILL NEVER BE AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO TELL ME THAT I CAN'T HAVE WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY MINE.
WELL, LOOK WHO'S ALL FOR CIVIL RIGHTS ALL OF A SUDDEN.
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ANYTHING--
FINE.
I THINK, GUYS, WE SHOULD FIRST DO A HEAD COUNT AND MAKE SURE NO ONE IS MISSING OR TRAPPED.
HOLD ON, PEPPER.
SO, WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THESE INALIENABLE RIGHTS THAT YOU WERE WILLING TO DIE FOR-- FREEDOM OF POWER, ALL THAT...
ALL OF THAT GOES OUT THE WINDOW NOW THAT YOU'RE IN CHARGE!
I'M SAYING THAT IT WAS YOU WHO PUT THIS ENTIRE COUNTRY IN DANGER WHEN YOU LET A MANIAC LIKE NORMAN OSBORN HAVE THE KEYS TO YOUR ARMORY!
I DID WHAT?
I LET HIM--?
UH-OH.

WE'RE LUCKY HE DIDN'T NUKE THE PLANET, TONY. THAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED.
I LET HIM DO WHAT?
BY TRYING-- LISTEN--BY TRYING TO GET THE AMERICAN TAXPAYERS TO FOOT THE BILL FOR YOUR TOY BOX YOU LED THIS COUNTRY DOWN A PATH THAT LED TO NORMAN OSBORN GETTING HIS HANDS ON IT.
THAT IS A MASSIVE OVER-SIMPLIFICATION--
THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED.
I WAS WORKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT-- OUR GOVERNMENT AT THE--
YOU ALLOWED THIS-- ALL OF THIS--
IF YOU TWO ARE HERE ON MY BEHALF...
...PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TAKE YOUR LEAVE.
I'M SORRY, THOR. NO. NO, WE'RE HERE FOR YOU.
TELL US WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.
HOW CAN WE HELP?
THERE IS ONE GENUINE CONCERN.

THIS IS MIGHTY HEIMDALL'S OBSERVATORY. THIS IS HOW THE ASGARDIANS TRAVEL TO ALL THE DIMENSIONS OF THE NINE REALMS.
OSBORN REALLY DID A NUMBER ON IT.
IT SEEMS IT WAS GROUND ZERO FOR THE FIRST ATTACK.
NO ONE GETS IN. NO ONE GETS OUT. MAKES SENSE.
IT WOULD SEEM.
WHERE IS HEIMDALL?
HE IS RECOVERING. HIS WOUNDS WERE SEVERE.
HOW SEVERE?
I AM TOLD HE WILL SURVIVE.
GOOD. THAT'S GOOD.
BUT I WORRY ABOUT SUCH A POWERFUL DEVICE BEING SO DAMAGED.
HERE ON EARTH.
WITHOUT HEIMDALL'S GUIDANCE, I WORRY--
IT'S VERY HARD TO GET AN ENERGY READING.
ASGARDIAN ENERGIES ARE ALWAYS HARD TO CATALOG.
I WORRY THAT THE RAINBOW BRIDGE HAS BEEN BROKEN AND WHAT THAT DOES TO THE REALMS.
AND IT DOESN'T HELP THAT I'M USING ARMOR FROM TEN DESIGNS AGO.
AND NOW WE HAVE A BROKEN PORTAL HERE ON EARTH THAT LEADS TO WHERE EXACTLY?

OKAY. IT HAS TO BE CLOSED UP UNTIL HEIMDALL CAN HELP US FIX IT.
I'LL GATHER THE ASGARDIANS TO HELP US FIND THE BREAKS IN THE PORTAL AND THEN WE CAN--
YES, EXACTLY.
WE'LL BARRICADE IT UP UNTIL--
THAT MAY NOT BE ENOUGH.
WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE US DO?
ALERT
WAIT!

WHOA!
OH MY GOD!
OKAY, WHAT WAS THAT?!
AND CAN WE NOT DO IT AGAIN?
UM, WHERE DID THE OTHERS GO?
TONY?
CAPTAIN ROGERS?
UH-OH.
WHERE'D THEY GO?
ONLY THE ALL-FATHER KNOWS.
UH...WE NEED TO SEAL THAT OFF.
TONY?!

ARMOR?
ARMOR.
SYSTEMS SCAN.
ARMOR?
ENVIRONMENT SCAN.
PLEASE DON'T BE A COFFIN.
PLEASE DON'T BE IN A COFFIN.
DAMN 3.8 DESIGN.
RRR-- GET OFF!

GREAT.
THOR?
CAP?
ARMOR?
MY KINGDOM FOR A RADIO SHACK.

3.8 DESIGN.
3.8 DESIGN.
YEAH, YEAH... I REMEMBER NOW.
DIGITAL FINGERPRINT LOCK SEQUENCE.
AH. THERE WE GO.
THE SELF REPAIR KIT.
I DO LOVE ME SOMETIMES.
ACTUALLY, MY KINGDOM FOR A COFFEE.
OH, UH, HI.
YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO BE A BARISTA...WOULD YOU?

HMM.
UH-OH.

UCH!

MY SINCERE APOLOGIES FOR DISTURBING YOUR EVENING.

WOULD ANY OF YOU BE ABLE TO TELL ME WHERE I AM?

I AM AN ALLY OF LORD THOR. I NEED HELP.

CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE I AM?

YOU'RE AN ALLY OF THE LORD THOR?

SON OF ODIN?

YES. ENGLISH. GOOD.

THERE WAS SOME SORT OF AN ACCIDENT--

EAT HIM!

DOWN WITH THE ALL-FATHER!
DOWN WITH THE HOUSE OF ODIN!
WELL, I MISREAD THE ROOM ENTIRELY.
SCHK
AGH!
I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU.
aaaiiee!
KRAK
I JUST NEED TO KNOW WHERE I AM SO I CAN GET OUT OF HERE.

AAGGH!
GAAGGH!
ZZZZZZiiiZZZZZZ
SHUK
IT'S ONLY A MIDGARD RAT!
HOW MANY WILL IT TAKE FOR YOU TO STOP THIS?

POK
HUMAN!
HAK
GOT THAT RIGHT.
KRAK
YOU WILL NOT--
AAAGGHH!
NARGH!
KRAK
I ASKED YOU A SIMPLE QUESTION!
NOOAAGGH!
WHERE AM I--?!

PEOPLE OF VANAHEIM!!
VANAHEIM.
THIS IS NOT AS IT SHOULD BE.
THIS COURTYARD SHOULD BE FILLED WITH VANAHEIM'S MOST GLOR--
KRAK AK ABOOM

REVEAL YOURSELF, COWARD. THE FIGHT WILL BE--
KRKOOM
KRKOOM
KRAKAB OOM
I TOLD YOU THE FIRST MOMENT WE EVER MET, LORD THOR.

THE ENCHANTRESS WILL HAVE HER DAY OF VENGEANCE UPON YOU AND YOUR HOUSE.

ASGARD HAS FALLEN, ODIN HAS FALLEN, LOKI HAS FALLEN.

I SADLY MISSED ALL OF THAT.

BUT THE GODS SENT YOU TO ME. YOU ARE THE LAST OF THE TRUE ODINSONS.

AND YOU ARE NO MORE.

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NEXT:

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